Minutes – Clinton County Board of Health Public Meeting held

March 28th, 2019 - 7:30 a.m.

Clinton County Administration Building – Conference Room "B" 1900 N. 3rd St., Clinton

Board Members Dr. Mary Malcom Present

Dr. O. Daniel Osaro Present
Dr. Sheryl Ernst Present
Jean Morgan, RN, BSN, MSED Present
Don Thiltgen Present

Staff Present Shane McClintock, Director to the Board of Health

Kelli Eggers, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Health

Others Present

Michele Cullen, Genesis VNA

Kati McNeme, MCAH Cynthia Kaczinski, Hillcrest

Nancy Burns, Emergency Management

Leslie Mussmann, ASAC

Joanne Hermiston, Women's Health Services

Jocelyn Meyer, Bridgeview Jim Irwin, Board of Supervisors

Malcom called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. Roll call showed 5 members present. It was moved by Osaro, seconded by Thiltgen, to APPROVE the January 31, 2019 minutes as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

AGENDA ITEM III - BOARD OF HEALTH

None.

AGENDA ITEM IV – COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Finance No updates.
- **B.** Personnel Osaro motioned to APPROVE the Sanitarian's yearly review, seconded by Morgan. Motion carried 5-0.
- C. Total Quality Management No updates.

AGENDA ITEM V – DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Environmental Services- McClintock stated that there has been a shortage on those qualified to perform percolation and soil analysis tests in the county. There was a previous contractor who was formerly under another engineer that retired. He is no

longer technically licensed, but still has several years of experience. The Board of Health unanimously approved allowing said engineer to continue percolation and soil analysis tests.

- B. Genesis VNA & Hospice— An informational report was submitted. Cullen requested approval for the Local Public Health Services application. A motion was moved by Thiltgen, seconded by Osaro to Approve said application. Motion carried 5-0. This is the year that Cullen will be submitting the Community Health Needs Assessment. The action plans for this are ongoing. The Emergency Preparedness Coalition turned in their performance measures. For example, this would cover how they would respond to an emergency such as a H1N1 outbreak, etc. Both DeWitt and Mercy hospitals participated in the exercise on testing a surge capacity. A motion was moved by Thiltgen, seconded by Malcom to Approve the State Compliance Review for the Emergency Preparedness and Response Grant dated 10-16-18, the Genesis Health Systems and Related Organizations Compliance Report dated 6-30-18, and the Genesis Health Systems and Related Organizations Consolidated Financial Report dated 6-30-18. Motion carried 5-0. Cullen stated an independent audit is required when funds exceed \$750,000 and there were no significant findings with any said reports.
- C. Hillcrest Family Services/WIC— Informational report submitted. Kaczinski stated they are working on their 2020 continuation grant. Morgan questioned if vouchers will be the same for Farmer's Market. Kaczinski said they are unsure at this point.
- **D.** Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT— Not in attendance.
- E. Clinton Substance Abuse Council (GIC & CDC)-Not in attendance.
- F. Women's Health Services- Hermiston thanked the Board for their support on the FY 2020 budget and the letter of support for the CAPP grant. Several promotional efforts have been made recently including HIV Awareness Day and the Community Baby Shower. An interim site visit was held from their grantee, The Family Planning Council of lowa on March 6th. This was a focused review that happens every 3 years. A HPV training was held recently for staff as well. The FY 2020 Title X application has been submitted as well. The final rule has been enacted and was published in the Federal Register on March 4th. There have been 7 different law suits filed regarding Title X, including some state attorney generals. They are asking for injunctions to stop the provisions. Hermiston provided several handouts and articles regarding Title X. The biggest issues are to save Title X and make Title X stronger. Title X provisions have said that when someone comes in with a positive pregnancy test, providers can do non directive counseling and provide information about prenatal care and adoption options. But, if someone is interested in termination services, they may provide that information as well. The new changes with the final ruling mean that no longer can a counselor or RN provide that information, it must be done by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner. They can no longer do non directive care. Providers must provide prenatal care even if the patient does not want it. They must give them a list of all comprehensive primary care providers that can include all the providers that do termination services. It cannot

be pointed out in the list which providers do in fact do the termination services. This is a big concern with adolescents and encouraging the discussion of family planning with parents. There are more strict requirements on the provider to document the efforts of counseling the minor on including the parents in decision making. The separation of physical and financial aspects doesn't impact Women's Health Services as much as they do not provide abortion services. For the 7th year in a row, there has been level Title X funding proposed in the budget at about \$286,000,000. The level to make the program operate successfully is \$737,000,000. Thus, the request with congressman and senators is \$400,000,000. Thiltgen noted that the latest bill on prescribing and dispensing of selfadministering contraceptives just passed. Hermiston expressed concern over the lack of watching blood pressure, STD monitoring, etc. Thiltgen said that Hermiston was doing a great job with her representation with the Parent Education Series. Malcom said there several bills in Iowa affecting women's health services and vaccinations. These include telling physicians what they can and cannot say. There is a Legislative Coffee Saturday, April 13th in both DeWitt and Clinton. **Malcom** stated that the Title X rules greatly affect lowa. Unity Point is a Methodist hospital. The Protestant facilities provide abortions. Because Unity Point provides abortions, all of the Unity Point primary care clinics are unable to receive federal funds for family planning because their parent organization provides termination services. Hermiston stated this is correct. Last year a law was passed exempting Unity Point from the same law that applies to Women's Health Services. Incidentally, it has been a long time since state taxes provided abortion services. Morgan said that it not only affects minors, but women in their 40s and 50s as well. Hermiston mentioned they are also asking for screening of any teen that comes in for STDs, pregnancy and signs of abuse or neglect.

- G. Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)/New Directions- Informational report submitted. Mussmann said there is a proposal for the Board of Supervisors regarding the Justice Assistance Grant to be able to work with the SROs (school resource officers) in the schools and provide school education regarding electronic nicotine devices. There has been a significant increase in use among youth. The nicotine in the device is equivalent to a pack of cigarettes. This creates addiction in the future and results in cigarettes and tobacco use. There are also videos for children to learn how to put marijuana in the device. This is a diversion program so when the kids get ticketed for the devices, they must go through the program. Tickets range from \$50 \$250. They will provide education and referrals as needed. The Breath Easy Coalition is partnering with CSAC for training. Mussmann noted the map that was handed out shows we are region 10 for IPN. There are numbers at the bottom indicating additional services offered. Thiltgen said Officer Witt has done a great job in educating students, teachers, and parents on nicotine.
- **H.** Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center— Meyer said that 3rd quarter numbers will be available at the next meeting. Over 1500 adults and over 400 youth were served unduplicated. The United Way organized the first Collaborative Services Day event. Several agencies participated in this to be an initial point of contact for people. The hope is to make these be regular events. There will be some upcoming Teen Health

Fairs. These will offer information on mental health and anxiety disorders. Iowa has another MCO. Iowa Total Care will take effect July 1st. Bridgeview will be credentialed with this MCO. A recent article in the paper has clients of Bridgeview concerned. This discussed how region funding has been spent down. Bridgeview is still in existence but will not have as much funding. This has been a long process from \$1,000,000 per year down to \$300,000 per year. The Clinton School District has a contract with Life Connections, another mental health service provider. There will be a full time mental health provider in each of the school buildings in Clinton. This will help the guidance counselors as the amount of students in need is so great. Bridgeview will still provide school based therapy. The Glow Walk will be on May 3rd from 5-9 pm at Eagle Point Park. They are adding a color run to the 5k this year. The April 13th Speak Out Against Suicide Gala is already sold out. They typically raise around \$40,000. Bridgeview is still in search of new location. Most recently, they are dealing with leaking pipes and flooding issues.

- I. Center for Alcohol & Drug Services, Inc. (CADS)- Not in attendance.
- J. Emergency Management- Burns made note that Dr. Mary Malcom has been named as Clinton County Medical Examiner. There are two deputies, Dr. Cloos and Dr. Laureijs. The Stop the Bleed campaign continues with receiving kits through grants. They just finished training the fire and police departments. All first responder vehicles in the county will soon have a kit and all schools will have 10 kits. Public classes continue with Run, Hide, Fight trainings. Radiological Emergency Preparedness trainings continue and will include emergency workers and school bus drivers. Regarding flooding, they are getting constant updates from the National Weather Service. Snowpack in Minnesota is at 300% more than normal. With the CERT volunteer organization, a call center training was held. This would involve a room with a bank of phones where if a large event happened and 911 was overwhelmed, a call center can be set up with volunteers to take calls from the public. This last weekend, the yearly CERT course occurred and trained 15 new volunteers. Thiltgen said on the third Tuesday of the month, Emergency Preparedness meetings go on at the Ericksen Center. They share anything pertaining to updates. Most recently Emergency Management is investing in a drone that can help find lost children, help the police departments, etc.
- K. Community Health Care, Inc- Not in attendance.
- L. EveryStep/MCAH- Informational report submitted. McNeme also noted the new MCO that is starting July 1st. All current Medicaid members will receive a letter in the mail with their options and directions if they do not like their current assignment. They have seen an increase with services provided at WIC. Developmental screenings have exceeded last year already. The Teen Health Day will be at Camanche, Clinton, and Maquoketa schools. This will provide a wide variety of information geared towards teens. A sugar display regarding popular teen drinks will also be provided. The grant application is due April 30th for Title 5.

AGENDA ITEM VI - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Irwin said he was with Thiltgen for Clinton County Day in Des Moines. The Legislative Coffee day is April 13th at 9:00 am in Clinton and 11:00 am in DeWitt. A push is needed for mental health. Our region is the only region in lowa that spent down the balances to 20% that legislators said we had to. We are capped at \$30.78 per person which only generates \$9.3 million. Two years ago we spent \$12.3 million, and last year was \$12.5 million in our region. This shows a shortage of funds moving forward. A 40% balance can be carried moving forward but there is no money to carry forward. Regarding flooding, the Wapsi is currently going down. If referrals are needed for help, please encourage them to call the Board of Supervisors or the Engineering Department. There have been 50 foot washouts in certain areas of the county. The gravel roads are also quite bad. Other areas in western lowa and Nebraska have been hit extremely hard including 55 miles of highway under water.

AGENDA ITEM VII – PUBLIC COMMENT

Malcom said that Des Moines University's medical program has 4th year students that will have a mandatory rotation they must complete. This will be a rural public health rotation. Any programs available that would convince the dean of the opportunity are welcome. The soonest student would be available in August or September.

AGENDA ITEM VIII - OLD BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM IX – New Business

None.

AGENDA ITEM X – NEXT MEETING DATE

May 23rd, 2019 and July 18th, 2019 at 7:30 am at the Clinton County Administration Building, Conference Room "B".

AGENDA ITEM XI – ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Thiltgen**, seconded by **Osaro**, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli Eggers, Administrative Assistant to

the Board of Health

Approved

Dr. Malcom, Chairperson, Board of Health

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